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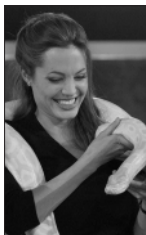


Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins, 2nd Infantry Division commander, speaks at a ceremony Wednesday at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, to honor Strike Force soldiers killed fighting in Iraq this year.

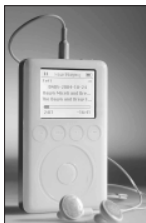
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States

Preppie killer arrested: "Preppie Killer" Robert Chambers, who was released from state prison last year, has been arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license and criminal drug possession.

Chambers was arrested during a traffic stop Tuesday at about 7:20 p.m. at Harlem River Drive and East 132nd Street in Harlem, New York. Police said that his car had no inspection sticker, and that they found a suspected illegal substance which was being tested on Wednesday.

Chambers confessed in 1988 to strangling 18-year-old Jennifer Levin two years earlier during a tryst in Central Park. He was released from the Auburn Correctional Facility on Valentine's Day 2003, after serving a 15-year sentence.

Evidence challenge: Defense attorneys for a Palestinian former professor accused of terrorism in Tampa, Fla., want a federal judge to throw out almost all the government's evidence, saying improper searches and inappropriate surveillance violated their client's constitutional rights.

Attorneys William Moffitt and Linda Moreno said in separate motions filed this week that federal agents made vague allegations to justify search warrants and may have erred in targeting Sami Al-Arian, a former professor at the University of South Florida, for surveillance.

Al-Arian and eight other men are charged with material support for terrorism, racketeering and money laundering. Al-Arian's trial is scheduled to begin in April.

Jet ski death: A California man whose wife died after the couple was stranded from what he said was a watercraft accident has been charged with killing her, more than a month after authorities first arrested him for the crime and then set him free.

Corbin Easterling, 35, was charged Tuesday with homicide, spousal battery and inflicting great bodily injury on Jennifer Easterling, 35.

Easterling was first arrested Oct. 14 but was freed four days later after prosecutors said they needed more information and time to investigate his wife's Oct. 12 death. Further interviews and autopsy results led them to say they had sufficient evidence to convict him.

Health registry analysis: The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene said most people enrolled in the World Trade Center Health Registry report-



FAO Schwarz bankruptcy: Young children are greeted Monday by characters from FAO Schwarz outside the store on New York's Fifth Avenue. FAO Schwarz, the toy store known for its life-sized stuffed animals and kid-sized sports cars, hopes its refurbished Manhattan store reopening on Thanksgiving Day will cause children to squeal with joy and adults to open their wallets, as the company emerges from bankruptcy recommitted to high-end toys.

ed one or more respiratory problems that started or became worse after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The quarterly report, released Monday, also said eight percent of the 70,000 enrolled adults experienced psychological distress in the 30-day period before being interviewed for the registry.

The report said 47 percent of interviewees complained of new or worsened sinus or nasal irritation; 42 complained of shortness of breath; and 38 percent complained of throat irritation and wheezing.

Other symptoms that participants complained of included persistent coughs, eye irritations, severe headaches and hearing loss.

World

Consular office reopens: The U.S. Embassy on Wednesday reopened its consular office in Bombay, India, after shutting it for a day following a threat of a possible terrorist attack.

The Bombay offices reopened after a thorough security review, an embassy state-

ment said.

Security around the American consulate was tightened Tuesday after the U.S. government warned that terrorists may be planning attacks on U.S. interests in India.

Quake housing: Hundreds of people living in public shelters following last month's earthquake in northern Japan began moving to temporary government-built houses on Wednesday.

The magnitude-6.8 earthquake on Oct. 23 and several large aftershocks in Niigata prefecture killed 40 people and damaged over 16,000 homes. About 6,300 people are still living in school gymnasiums and other public shelters.

In Nagaoka, the largest city in the quake zone, residents in shelters began moving into 190 prefabricated housing units built at a former train depot, said Niigata prefectural spokesman Gen Ishizuka. Another 25 units were built in a nearby town. Authorities plan to construct 3,500 housing units by mid-December for residents who lost their homes or had to evacuate because of the danger of landslides, Ishizuka said.

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Camp Red Cloud honors its fallen warriors

20 Strike Force GIs killed in Iraq recognized as 'patriots'

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP RED CLOUD, South Korea — Twenty poster-sized photographs of U.S. soldiers hung at the front of the Camp Red Cloud chapel on Wednesday.

Some of the soldiers in the photographs smiled; others frowned. Some wore tan desert camouflage; others had on their green, battle-dress uniforms. Their ages ranged from 19 to 41.

Most were Caucasian but there were Asian-Americans, an African-American and a Puerto Rican among them.

All lost their lives in the last few months fighting with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (Strike Force) in Iraq, and all were honored at ceremonies throughout Warrior Country on the eve of Thanksgiving.

Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey, U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, 2nd Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins and numerous other high-ranking U.S. and South Korean officers attended the Camp Red Cloud ceremony. But few in the audience had served alongside the fallen soldiers in the desert.

The ceremony had, 2nd ID safety officer Denver McCintock, who returned from Iraq last week, said the ceremony brought back memories of six of his friends who were among those honored.

"The speeches at the ceremony were good but they did not stir McCintock's emotions like the words spoken by the dead soldiers' comrades in Iraq, the Department of the Army civilian said.

"I was not as emotional [at the South Korean ceremony] as I was when I first heard about the deaths or when I heard the soldiers from the units talk about it when I was in Iraq. Then it came from the heart and it really affected me. I cried a lot back in Iraq. Here it is not the same type of emotion," he said.

The Vietnam veteran attended two ceremonies for dead Strike Force soldiers while in Iraq, but stopped going to them because "it was almost way too personal," he said.

The Camp Red Cloud ceremony made McCintock feel lucky, he said.

"Through sheer luck of the draw I wasn't killed. I missed getting killed by about 50 feet," he said.

During the ceremony, 2nd ID commander Higgins stood in front of the photographs and the traditional tribute to fallen U.S. soldiers — a pair of combat boots, an M-16 rifle and a helmet.

The Pentagon has confirmed 21 dead from 2nd Brigade; the 20 honored at the ceremonies were soldiers whose deaths were direct-

ly related to combat operations, 2nd ID officials said.

The Strike Force soldiers who died in Iraq answered the call to duty "as patriots" without hesitation, Higgins said.

"Each of these men became a soldier along a different path. ... They came as artillerymen, infantrymen, engineers, tankers and truck drivers. They left behind parents, wives, brothers, sisters, children and friends. All those who love them so dearly."

Contrary to what some might believe, the soldiers did not die in vain, Higgins said.

"I deny that they died for anything. Truth is they lived for something and they knew that the way they chose to live their lives, in service of others, carried with it great personal risk."

"They lived and, as a consequence, died because they had the courage to step forward and make a commitment to something larger than themselves. They refused to abandon their buddies to their left and to their right."

"They have pledged and given their lives so we generations to come might live as free men and women. They were not the sort of men to sit by while others watched. They were ready and willing to act to preserve ... peace, liberty and prosperity," he said.

After the general spoke, the U.S. and South Korea national anthems were sung, soldiers read passages from the Bible, members of the 2nd ID band and a lone bagpiper played and a firing party gave the soldiers a final salute.

Second ID Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Sgt. Mark Kauffman called each fallen soldier's name twice while their photographs were projected on a large screen.

The dates of the soldiers' deaths were also projected on the screen, bringing home to the audience that three months ago all of the soldiers were alive and some died as recently as last week.

For 2nd ID band member Pfc. Derrick Gilbert, 27, of Little Rock, Ark., who sang the national anthem at the ceremony, the images of his dead comrades constituted a reminder of his own mortality.

"I had a lot of thoughts that it could have been me. I'm older than a lot of the guys who were up on the projector," he said.

The ceremony also reinforced Gilbert's own motivation for joining the military, he said.

"I was living in New York when the World Trade Center fell. Knowing the history behind this war and seeing these things [at the ceremony] is very humbling," he said.

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Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey, second from left, listens at a memorial service Wednesday at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, in which Strike Force soldiers who were killed in Iraq were honored.

2nd Brigade deaths in Iraq

■ **Spc. Omead H. Razani**, 19, of Los Angeles died Aug. 27 in Habbaniyah of nonwar-related injuries. Razani was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

■ **Staff Sgt. Gary A. Vaillant**, of the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, was killed Sept. 5 when his tank ran over an anti-tank mine near Khaldiya. Vaillant, 41, was from Trujillo, Puerto Rico.

■ **Pfc. Jason Lee Sparks** of the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, was killed by enemy fire Sept. 8 in Fallujah. Sparks, 19, from Monroeville, Ohio, was killed by sniper fire when his squad was ambushed.

■ **1st Lt. Tyler H. Brown**, 26, of Atlanta died Sept. 14 in Ramadi when his unit was attacked by small-arms fire. Brown was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

■ **Spc. Robert Oliver Unruh**, of the 44th Engineer Battalion, was killed by small-arms fire Sept. 25 in Al Anbar province. Unruh, 25, was from Tucson, Ariz.

■ **Capt. Eric L. Allton**, 34, was killed Sept. 26 in Ramadi by a mortar round. A Houston native, Allton was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

■ **Pfc. Joshua K. Titcomb**, of the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, was killed Sept. 29 in Ramadi when an improvised explosive device was detonated near his vehicle. Titcomb, 20, was from Somerset, Ky.

■ **Pvt. Jeungjin Na Kim**, 23, of Honolulu, died Oct. 6 in Ramadi when his patrol was attacked by small-arms fire. Kim was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery.

■ **Pfc. James E. Prevette**, 22, of Whitestone, N.Y., died Oct. 10 in Habbaniyah when his military vehicle encountered white-out conditions and the driver apparently lost control of the vehicle. Prevette was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

■ **Pfc. Aaron J. Rusin**, 19, of Johnstown, Pa., died Oct. 11 in Baghdad of injuries sustained Oct. 10 when his vehicle came under fire. Rusin was assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion.

■ **Spc. Christopher A. Merville**, 26, of Albuquerque, N.M., was killed Oct. 12 in Baghdad when his unit came under fire. Merville was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery.

■ **Staff Sgt. Omer T. Hawkins II**, 31, of Cherry Fork, Ohio, was killed Oct. 14 when an IED struck his convoy in Ramadi. Hawkins was assigned to the 4th Engineer Battalion.

■ **Spc. Bradley S. Beard**, 22, of Chapel Hill, N.C., was killed Oct. 14 when an IED struck his convoy in Ramadi. Beard was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

■ **Pfc. Mark A. Barbret**, 22, of Shelby Township, Mich., was killed Oct. 14 when an IED struck his convoy in Ramadi. Barbret was assigned to the 4th Engineer Battalion.

■ **Pfc. Stephen P. Downing II**, 30, was killed Oct. 28 by small-arms fire in Ramadi. Downing, of Burkessville, Md., was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery.

■ **Sgt. Maurice Keith Fortune**, 25, was killed Oct. 29 in Ramadi by a car bomb. Fortune, of Forestville, Md., was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery.

■ **Sgt. John B. Trotter**, 25, of Marble Falls, Texas, was killed Nov. 9 in Ramadi when his patrol came under attack by small-arms fire. Trotter was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment.

■ **Pfc. Dennis J. Miller Jr.**, 21, of La Salle, Mich., was killed Nov. 10 in Ramadi when his M1A1 Abrams tank was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. Miller was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment.

■ **Staff Sgt. Sean P. Huey**, 28, of Fredericktown, Pa., was killed Nov. 11 in Habbaniyah when a car bomb detonated near his Humvee. Huey was assigned to 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

■ **Staff Sgt. Marshall H. Caddy**, 27, of Nags Head, N.C., died Nov. 16 in Khaldiya when his vehicle struck another vehicle. Caddy was assigned to 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

■ **1st Lt. Luke C. Wullenwaber**, 24, of Lewiston, Idaho, died Nov. 16 in Khaldiya when a car bomb detonated near his vehicle. Wullenwaber was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

— Staff reports

Kadena airmen honored for Iraq action

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Two Kadena airmen were presented with Bronze Stars on Wednesday for action in Iraq they never dreamed they'd see.

When Master Sgt. Jonathan Tucker and Tech Sgt. William Dominy, of the Vehicle Operators Flight, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, got deployment orders in February, they expected to drive trucks.

Or at least manage vehicle operations. Instead, they were told the Army was short-handed and they'd

be handling airport security and act as armed escorts for truck convoys under constant insurgent attack.

They became part of the 2632nd Aerospace Expeditionary Force Transportation Company, the first Air Force unit to serve under U.S. Army command since World War II.

"The Army has a different definition for drivers than the Air Force," said Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, before pinning the medals on the two. "But these men made the Air Force and the Army very proud."

Tucker and Dominy were deployed with 22 other flight members, said flight chief Senior Master Sgt. Ed Jones. "They did such a good job that we've been signed up to do this in FY06 again. Thirty-one members of the flight will be deployed sometime in January to do the same work."

But this time, said Tucker, 33 of

Plant City, Fla., he and Dominy will ensure the flight members will know what they're in for.

Tucker was assigned to moving cargo at Logistics Support Area Anacosta at Balad, about 68 miles north of Baghdad. The base is nicknamed "Mortartaville" because of the frequency of mortar and rocket attacks. As of October, according to the Seattle Times, insurgents were hitting the base twice daily.

Among the accomplishments listed in Tucker's citation was his overall responsibility to "provide for the delivery of military cargo from the marshaling yard to its end destination at the busiest, most heavily mortared airfields" in the area. Tucker and his platoon "transported over 47 million tons of cargo and traveled over 20,000 miles," the citation stated.

"We were frequently dodging mortars," Tucker said. "That was pretty harrowing."

He said he often had to "make

do" with whatever he could "cobble together." When he first got to the base, the Army unit in charge was working out of its trucks. Tucker said he "acquired" more suitable accommodations: a \$30,000 office trailer set up on the flight line that had power, air conditioning and phone lines.

Dominy, 31, of Florida, N.Y., spent most of his deployment as a first team leader, providing armed escorts for convoys throughout Iraq, racking up more than 57,000 accident-free miles, according to his citation.

"I was excited and thrilled to actually be in the front lines," Dominy said. "We were the main line of supply for the Marines in the Fallujah region and I welcomed the challenge. I knew that the guys at the front needed the fuel and food and other supplies we shipped and we had to get it to them. ... For the civilian contractors that drove the convoys, we were their only source of security."

Dominy said he had several close shaves.

"Once an IED [improvised explosive device] went off about five feet from my truck, blowing me out of the turret and knocking the truck sideways about three to five feet," he said. "Another time the convoy got into a firefight at a big cloverleaf. The whole place lit up like it was Christmas."

Dominy, a single parent of two young children, said he gained respect for the task the Marines and Army face. Since he's been back at Kadena, he's been telling the air men scheduled for the next deployment to "take their training seriously and take care of each other. Always be vigilant. The time you lax up is the time that an IED is going to go off or an insurgent is going to attack."

"And come home safely," he added, "so we can have a party for you."

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Bomb kills 2 U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomb ripped through a U.S. patrol in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing two American soldiers and wounding another, a

reminder of the country's insecurity after a newly resolved hostage drama.

The troops were attacked near the town of Deh Rawood, 250 miles southwest of Kabul, in Uruzgan province, where the military has clashed repeatedly with Taliban

militants. The wounded soldier was in stable condition at a nearby American base.

A total of 110 soldiers have died since the United States attacked Afghanistan's former ruler Taliban and their al-Qaida allies in late 2001, according to U.S. government figures.

The toll exacted by Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts defying a U.S. force currently numbering about 18,000 men next to the more than 1,200 Americans killed in Iraq.

But there is concern Afghan militants are copying their Iraqi counterparts from the already widespread use of roadside bombs to the Oct. 28 kidnapping of three foreign election workers which sent shudders through Kabul's expatriate community.

The first of the trio, who were set free in Kabul on Tuesday morning after 27 days in captivity, flew out of Afghanistan on Wednesday for a family reunion in the Philippines.

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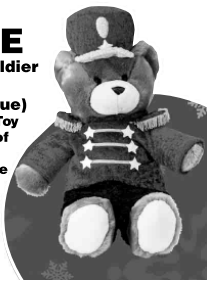


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IN THE WORLD

Slasher executed

BEIJING — A man who slashed 25 children with a kitchen knife at a grade school in eastern China was executed Wednesday, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Jia Qingyue, 36, had appealed his sentence at the Shandong High Court, but it upheld the original ruling, saying the Sept. 20 crime was "especially cruel and the results were especially serious," Xinhua reported.

Settlement urged

VIENNA, Austria — Lawyers representing the families of 155 skiers and snowboarders killed in an alpine cable car fire in 2000 were pressing Austrian officials Wednesday for the more than \$155 million in compensation for the relatives.

Attorneys from Austria, Germany and the United States said they planned to deliver an "ultimatum" to a commission working to determine a settlement for those who lost loved ones in the Nov. 11, 2000, disaster.

They are seeking \$65 million from the Austrian government; \$65 million from Gletscherbahnen Kaprun Capital AG, the company that operated the cable car; and \$26 million from the province of Salzburg and the city of Kaprun where the disaster occurred.

From wire reports

Opposition calls for Ukraine strike

By JIM HEINTZ
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Election officials declared the Kremlin-backed prime minister the winner in Ukraine's bitterly disputed presidential vote, prompting opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko on Wednesday to call for a nationwide strike, vowing to fight what he and Western nations have labeled widespread vote fraud.

The Central Election Commission's announcement of victory for Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich in Sunday's election raised

fears of violence in the capital, where tens of thousands of Yushchenko supporters rallied for the third straight day and riot police guarded key government buildings.

Sunday's runoff election has been denounced as fraudulent by Western observers, and Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States cannot accept the result, warning "there will be consequences" in the two countries' relationship.

The Central Election Commission announced that Yanukovich won 49.46 percent of the vote, to Yushchenko's 46.61 percent.

In a late-night address to his flag-waving, orange-clad supporters in snowy and frigid Independence Square, Yushchenko called the announcement by members of the election commission "their latest crime."

"With this decision, they want to put us on our knees," the pro-Western Yushchenko told his followers, who chanted: "Shame! Shame!"

"My actions to combat the current regime will be even more consistent and powerful," he pledged. "This decision puts Ukraine on the verge of civil conflict."

Yushchenko called for an "all-Ukraine national strike," stopping work at businesses, schools and universities and halting transport.

"Thus, we'll force the authorities to think about what they are doing," he said.

Yuliya Tymoshenko, Yushchenko's key ally, said the opposition will "surround all government buildings, block railways, airports and highways."

Meanwhile, Yanukovich said negotiations with the opposition would begin Thursday, the Interfax news agency reported. The prime minister's staff declined to comment on the report.

Iran looks for leeway in uranium deal

By GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Iran sought on Wednesday to roll back its commitment to fully freezing uranium enrichment programs, demanding the right to run some equipment that can be used to produce nuclear arms.

Iran's push to run 24 centrifuges for research purposes did not seem to represent a major move to enrich because thousands of centrifuges must operate for months for enough enriched uranium to make a nuclear

weapon.

Still, the demand on the eve of a key meeting of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency was likely to strengthen perceptions that Tehran was not interested in easing fears about its nuclear aims.

Britain — which helped negotiate the enrichment suspension in Paris weeks ago on behalf of the European Union — rejected the demand.

A British government official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said that the Nov. 7 agreement stands.

Citing the official EU stance, an EU diplomat accredited to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency — the U.N. nuclear watchdog — said all centrifuge activity is suspended under the Paris agreement.

The deal commits Tehran to full suspension of enrichment and all related activities while the two sides discuss a pact meant to provide Iran with EU technical and economic aid and other concessions.

While insisting it only wants to produce nuclear fuel through enrichment, Iran said Monday it froze all uranium enrichment programs.



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Bush orders CIA additions

By GREG MILLER
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush has ordered what may be a major expansion of the CIA, calling for the beleaguered agency to add thousands of new analysts and spies as part of an ongoing build-up in the war on terrorism, according to a White House memorandum released Tuesday.

But the directive set no timetable for the changes and offered no indication that the White House intends to ask Congress for the massive funding increase such a plan likely would require.

The plan was outlined in a memorandum delivered to CIA Director Porter J. Goss last week. In it, Bush instructed the intelligence chief to increase the number of analysts and spies at the CIA by 50 percent. The figure stunned current and former intelligence officials, several of whom said the CIA has not charted such an aggressive course of growth since its inception in the aftermath of World War II.

The CIA is thought to have an annual budget of about \$5 billion, and to employ more than 17,000 people, although actual figures are classified. Sources said the agency's clandestine service employs several thousand people, and that its analytic branch — known as the directorate of intelligence — is even larger.

The Bush memorandum says the increases are to take place "as soon as feasible," and would be "subject to the availability of appropriations." Bush gave the agency 90 days to develop a "detailed budget and implementation plan."

Because of the caveats contained in the document and the low-key, mysterious manner in which it was released by the White House, the memorandum was greeted with a mixture of enthusiasm and skepticism in the intelligence community.

"I wouldn't overreach" in attaching significance to the document, said a U.S. intelligence official. "The way it's being looked at is a codification of some of the things the agency has been doing before. It builds on some of those measures and adds to them."

The official acknowledged that the 50 percent targets are significantly higher than anything previously articulated by the administration, but said the issue of timing was not addressed.

"The question becomes 'When?' and there doesn't seem to be any time frame," the official said.

The White House provided no additional details on the memorandum, one of several issued by Bush last week and released Tuesday as part of a series of measures acting on recommendations from the commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks.

A White House official said the directives represent an effort by Bush to "take additional steps under his own authority responding to recommendations made by the 9/11 commission. These are partial steps."

A senior administration official cautioned against interpreting the memo as a shift in policy or a preview of new budget requests. It is more of a "refocusing," the official said. "This is the president's attempt to be responsive to the 9/11 commission recommendations, to put further specificity to what he agreed to in August," the official said.

While the expansion could require new money, the senior administration official said some of the growth could be covered with existing money. "It's fair for us to say that since 9/11, and during the president's first administration, these budgets have grown significantly," the official said.

Viacom reaches deal with FCC to end probe

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Viacom will pay a record \$3.5 million to settle dozens of federal investigations into alleged indecency on TV and the radio, and introduce delays in more live programming to help catch troublesome material before it gets on the air.

The settlement, announced Tuesday, closes investigations dating back to 2001. One involved shock jock Howard Stern, and two focused on Opie and Anthony, who lost their Viacom-owned radio show after it featured a couple purporting to have sex inside St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Greg "Opie" Hughes and Anthony Cumia went silent after the 2002 show until October, when

they joined XM Satellite Radio, where Federal Communications Commission regulations don't apply. Stern is joining the Sirius satellite network in January 2006, when his contract with Viacom-owned Infinity Broadcasting expires.

Viacom, which also owns CBS and MTV, agreed to implement a companywide compliance plan aimed at preventing future violations of federal indecency statutes. The plan includes installation of audio delay equipment at radio stations that broadcast live programming and training employees about indecency laws. Viacom said the public, not the government, should decide what it is exposed to on the air.

Viacom has five days to pay the \$3.5 million fine, according to the agreement.

Tests find no mad cow disease

WASHINGTON — A five-day mad cow disease scare that briefly rattled the cattle markets and raised concerns among some beef eaters has been put to rest after sophisticated chemical tests on a suspected animal showed no sign of the brain-wasting ailment.

But the "false positive" in the initial screening again raised questions about the Agriculture Department's testing procedures.

Some critics argued that the department had unnecessarily alarmed the public and beef markets by disclosing the inconclusive preliminary results last week.

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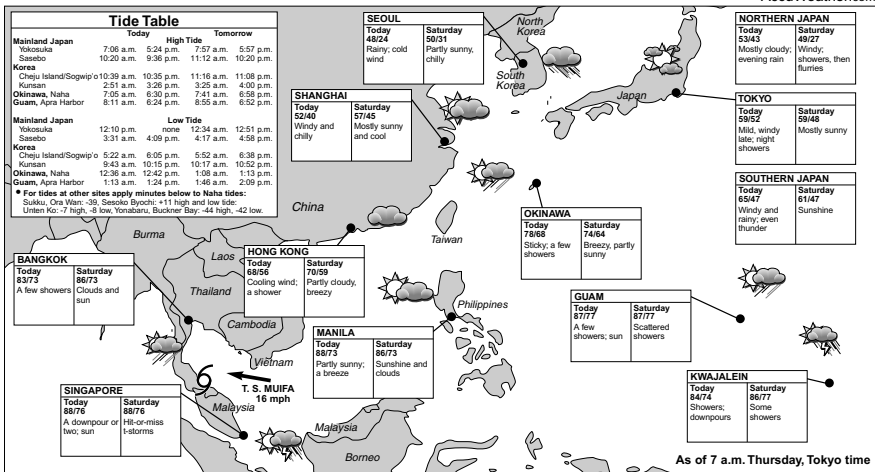
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5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 NHK News (1)
8:30 Planet Rugby (42)
9:00 Football Mundial (42)
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10:00 News (1)
12:55 Grand Sumo Digest (1)
2:30 U.S. Movie (1984): Blame It on Rio (155/3)
2:40 CBS Documentary (6)
3:22 Classical Music (11/r)
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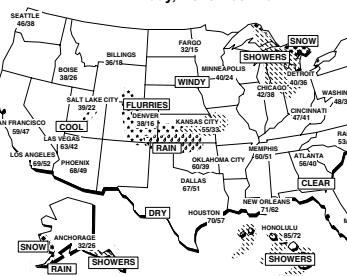
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Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	49/30	Los Angeles	70/50
Amarillo	48/32	Little Rock	61/36
Anchorage	36/28	Louisville	66/40
Ashville	66/46	Miami	82/73
Baltimore	60/54	Milwaukee	39/26
Birmingham	69/44	Nashville	68/38
Bismarck	34/18	New York	57/54
Boise	47/37	Omaha	40/23
Boston	55/51	Orlando	84/68
Brownsville	80/48	Philadelphia	60/56
Buffalo	50/36	Phoenix	68/49
Burlington	54/47	Pittsburgh	60/40
Charleston, SC	79/63	Portland, OR	59/48
Charlotte	68/52	Portland, ME	50/47
Cleveland	52/24	Salt Lake City	43/33
Columbus, OH	58/35	St. Louis	44/28
Duluth	35/15	San Antonio	65/41
El Paso	55/35	San Diego	68/50
Hartford	53/50	San Juan	85/74
Helena	49/37	Tampa	82/68
Indianapolis	49/30	Tulsa	44/31
Jacksonville	83/62	Washington	60/54
Kansas City	37/24	Wichita	43/28

Friday, November 26



Friday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	83/73	Wakani	67/48	Sasebo NB	65/48
Beijing	47/37	Kadena AB	76/68	Sapporo	53/43
Camp Casey	45/24	Kunsan AB	53/33	Seoul	48/24
Diego Garcia	53/35	Kwajalein	84/74	Shanghai	52/40
Hagatna	85/79	Manila	88/73	Singapore	88/76
Hanoi	84/77	Masawa AB	55/41	Sydney	81/62
Hong Kong	87/52	Osan	50/27	Teegu	57/32
Honolulu	68/56	Perth	73/55	Taipei	74/55
		Pusan	60/37	Tokyo	59/52

Friday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/73	Budapest	46/36	Katol	56/22
Athens	48/43	Buenos Aires	77/61	Kiev	23/21
Auckland	58/45	Cairo	65/40	Kuwait	78/54
Baghdad	70/35	Cancun	76/68	London	54/41
Barbados	88/72	Cape Town	76/55	Madrid	56/46
Barcelona	58/46	Geneva	47/39	Mexico City	75/46
Berlin	43/36	Istanbul	39/33	Montreal	35/25
Bermuda	74/61	Jerusalem	54/41	Mogadishu	86/71
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CIB: Risk deserves reward

In the civilian world, a similar debate recognizes every year at the close of a corporation's fiscal year. Who should be recognized for outstanding contributions?

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Some companies take sales overachievers to Hawaii. Every year, people from other disciplines object. The normal response from management is: "If you want to be in sales, make the choice and take the risk."

The basic question is, do we allow participants from other fields to earn a Combat Infantryman Badge? How then? By nomination? By qualification? Or, do we instead keep the heritage intact. It is, after all, called the Combat Infantryman Badge and is awarded to infantrymen who have been in combat.

If an infantryman saves a life by properly applying first aid, is he awarded the Combat Medical Badge? If a crew chief on an aircraft bails out and fights his way to safety, is he awarded the Parachutist Badge? Yes, those people faced the same perils and showed some of the skills, but not by initial choice and not through preparation.

I believe the CIB is for those who make a choice to be warriors first, and endured all the years of sacrifice, waiting, training and making themselves ready. It is their choice. If you want a CIB, pick up your weapon and follow me, the Airborne Infantry.

Sp. Wesley Gilson
Tal Afar, Iraq

Fight for team, not badge

I am an infantryman who has been one for eight years. I am writing about all the fuss about noninfantry military occupational specialties serving with infantry units and not being able to receive a Combat Infantryman Badge. I can say that, from what I've learned from many friends and acquaintances in other MOSs, many of them don't care to do our jobs. They have voiced disdain toward the infantry and the level of intensity involved in our training. The hardships faced by other MOSs are also difficult, but they each differ in intensity.

I would like to quote part of an address given by Gen. George S. Patton to newly created 3rd Army during World War II: "The other MOSs" were part of a team. Without them the fight would have been lost. All the links in the chain pulled together and that chain became unbreakable.

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Sgt. A. Cruz
Camp Manhattan, Iraq

Don't glorify tobacco

Regarding the Nov. 16 article "Marlboro man" just wants another smoke: Pin-ups of a Marine smoking during a break in action as a battle-hardened warrior establish the dumbest link the command can do. Why don't we all give our soldiers rat poison to give to our kids back home instead?

When command promotes or attempts to place a smoke label on a soldier, it glorifies tobacco products, it sends a message. It is the wrong message. I think America's youth deserve an apology when a photo is used and product label shown, if that product is a known killer of thousands of veterans. Tobacco kills, its costs are as great as the costs of war.

Instead of generals making posters, they should be giving warnings about healthy choices. That is why we do physical training. That is why we restrict food intake. Don't you think it is time to think about the stupidity of smoking?

Capt. Darren W. Guillaume
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Good work in Habbaniya

Recently I came across the Sept. 16 article "Chaplain finds mission in restoring cemetery" (Korea edition) about U.S. Army Capt. Randy Robinson, a chaplain serving in Habbaniya, Iraq. My father was stationed in Habbaniya 1955-57 when I was in my early teens, and I still have vivid memories of the camp and its surrounding areas.

I would like to express my admiration for Capt. Robinson, and wish him the best of

luck with his restoration work. Let's hope and pray that Iraq will soon be at peace with the rest of the world, and, who knows, maybe one day we will get to revisit Habbaniya.

Robert Tuerlesky
Chippenhall, England

Peddling fear helps no one

I have repeatedly seen the television network FX touting the upcoming made-for-TV movie "Smallpox" and it brought up some issues I felt needed to be brought to the forefront of people's consciousness.

In several of their advertisements for "Smallpox," they use phrases like, "It's real — it just hasn't happened yet." The fact that anyone would make such a movie that can reach the majority of the American populace is upsetting enough to me, but to add commercials like the one I quoted is to me, adding insult to injury.

FX, like so many other media outlets, is preying on the fear of the American people so it can get higher ratings. Statistics have already shown that many Americans drink more, eat more chocolate and "comfort foods" and have been put on anti-depressants since 9/11 due to the current state of fear in which so many live. Whether the threats are real or perceived, Americans are still shaken up by 9/11 and the possibility of further terrorist threats upon which the news media keep harping.

I am an Air Force officer, as is my husband, and he is currently deployed to Iraq. I would be the last one to say that there is nothing to fear and that "all is well" in our world today, but I would also be the last one to cause people more unnecessary fear.

We in the military take our orders from our democratically elected civilian government and, though we may not always like or agree with those orders, we follow them. However, we see our greatest task as trying to instill hope in the lives of Americans and others around the world.

Movies such as the one FX plans to present undermine that goal of hope. After 9/11 the news media kept showing the Twin Towers crumpling down in a fiery inferno, including close-ups of people jumping from the buildings and others in the area crying, screaming and covered with ash.

What happened was real, and I believe it is the news media's obligation to report what is real and true, however we want to see or hear it or not, but they did not need to show those pictures to families and friends in continuing pain in that process.

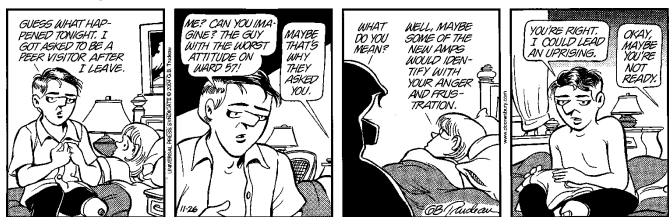
This past election showed that we are divided enough as a country. We do not need to be divided and afraid. We need to stick together, try to give one another strength and keep up hope for our future.

It is not my place to tell others to write to any publication or to not watch "Smallpox," but I felt it was my duty as an American citizen and as a U.S. military officer to call out the wolf among the sheep when I see one.

Capt. Erin Macri
Colorado Springs, Colo.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Clinton craves spotlight that has new focus

Our quiz today is a multiple-choice question: What does Bill Clinton want?

(A) To guide Democrats out of the deep woods.

Michael Goodwin

(B) To help heal the nation's bitter divisions.

(C) To pave the way for President Hillary.

The correct answer is all of the above — and none of the above.

What Bubba really wants is vindication. Everything else, including Hillary in the Oval Office, is just a

means to his end game of getting back on top again. It's all about one more comeback.

It ain't gonna happen.

Clinton's presiding over the opening of his \$165 million library looked like a happy trip down memory lane. Surrounded by family, friends and foes, he was the center of attention, the pudgy young pol turned elder statesman.

But behind the facade of generous tributes was the sad spectacle of the once-most-powerful man on Earth trying desperately to find his footing on history's rain-slicked ladder. It's a tricky climb, and time is no longer his friend — and not just because of his fragile health.

The world before 9/11 seems like a million years ago. Most of the political lessons he taught us then about the "third way" mean little now. In all the important ways, the future became unlingered from the past. And so the Man from Hope is no more the Man from Friday.

That's not to say Bill Clinton isn't relevant. He is to the 30,000 devotees who

trekked to Arkansas and to the millions who look back with fondness on the first baby-boomer president.

And each time his party loses a presidential election, he looks more like a giant. It is shocking to remember that no Democrat since FDR has been elected twice — except Clinton.

Although he never won a majority of the popular vote, his two terms earned him a permanent spot in what one observer calls the inner circle of the world's most exclusive club.

Still, he wants more. He wants us to think of him as great and to still need him. But he wasn't great. And we don't need him.

It's not just Monica — though she comes to mind first, and the impeachment saga she launched will surely be in the top paragraph of his obit. His dismissing it in the library exhibit under the category of the "politics of persecution" was both tasteless and revealing.

Jesus did not fool around with interns.

But even Clinton's achievements of prosperity and peace now look hollow. In hindsight, we know that much of the prosperity was a bubble fueled by venal corporate criminals. And there was peace only because the Clinton White House chose not to see that Osama Bin Laden had already declared war on us.

The yearning for those days is foolish, but probably harmless — except for the Democratic Party. If its leaders look to Clinton for anything other than a pep talk, they are courting disaster.

American politics, like everything else, changed on 9/11. As the last election proved, the game is no longer about traditional standards of interest groups and issue positions. Glibness, charisma and the polish of education matter far less than they did just four years ago.

The new gold standard is at once more



elusive and more precise. For every would-be leader, the test is this: Are you rock-solid? Those who cannot say yes, and convince voters, need not apply. Weakness, waffling, nuance, process — they're luxuries from a bygone era.

And for God's sake, no more parsing

and blurring. It's a gut-check world now, and the truths are no longer half true. They're damnable lies.

Bubba has his run. His time, and times, have passed. He isn't ready to accept that, but we must. The future demands it.

Michael Goodwin is a New York Daily News columnist.

Once vocal on Iraq, Annan too quiet on controversy

Chicago Tribune

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan can be generous with his opinions. He has pronounced the U.S.-led overthrow of Saddam Hussein to be "illegal," and he warned before the recent assault on Baghdad that a military campaign and "increased insurgent violence" put Iraq's January election at risk.

If only the Iraqi people could hear the secretary-general's general summon equivalent cander about their billions of dollars in oil that Saddam looted, how Annan's United Nations looked the other way — or corruptly assisted. Instead, Annan continues to block efforts by congressional probes to inspect internal documents that would establish the United Nations' level of complicity.

And so, for lack of that candor, the scandal known as Oil-for-Food continues to rise to tower Annan's chin. On his watch, the United Nations' biggest-ever relief operation has become its biggest-ever embarrassment. Remember those \$25,000 rewards that Saddam paid to families of Palestinian suicide bombers who had attacked Israeli citizens? The Associated Press now cites Jordanian bank records strongly indicating that Saddam used money stolen under Oil-for-Food to fund those terror bombings. The purported evidence even includes a canceled check delivered to one Palestinian family.

And those insurgents in Iraq? Now the heads of two U.S. congressional committees probing Oil-for-Food — Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn. — have suggested that Oil-for-Food money

may be funding the killers who are preying on American troops.

For Annan and the United Nations, these are potentially devastating turns. Particularly given that the United Nations framed Oil-for-Food as a great humanitarian gesture.

Saddam was permitted to sell some oil, under U.N. monitoring, and could use the proceeds to buy food and medicine for his people. Instead he parlayed the program into a vast scheme of kickbacks, bribes and extortions. He ripped off his own people to rebuild his military, construct palaces and purchase the fealty of diplomats, public officials, influential citizens and companies all

over the globe.

Saddam's goal was to buy enough clout to end U.N. sanctions against Iraq. And he nearly got his way. His biggest secret payoffs allegedly went to powerful interests in Russia, France and China — nations that hold veto power in the U.N. Security Council. Those also happen to be three nations that were pushing to loosen trade sanctions on Iraq. And the same trio later helped keep the Security Council from enforcing its own resolutions against Saddam.

As early as 2000, the United Nations had indications Saddam was ripping off its program. Annan needs to disclose in detail why the United Nations didn't intervene as Sadd-

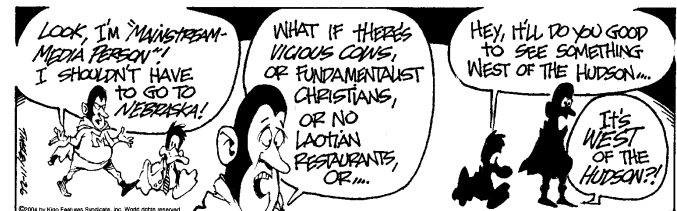
am's thefts climbed to a suspected \$21 billion. A spokesman for the International Relations Committee, headed by Hyde, says, "If the U.N. continues to stonewall, Hyde's investigators 'will find other ways.'"

That mission is imperative. As we have noted, the abuse of U.N. sanctions gave Saddam money and time. He used the former to fund his outlaw regime, the latter to brutalize and murder his people by the tens of thousands.

The United Nations, which views itself as noble, owes the world an explanation of why it tolerated that abuse. And so does Kofi Annan.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Pregnant sister shot

CA SACRAMENTO — A 19-year-old man was arrested over the weekend on suspicion of shooting his pregnant 21-year-old sister to death and critically wounding his brother-in-law.

Police said they were told by relatives at the scene that the 19-year-old had a fistfight with his sister's 24-year-old husband, then got a handgun and shot him four times.

At some point, the man allegedly shot his sister once in the chest, police said. She and her unborn child were pronounced dead at the scene by firefighters.

Police did not release the names of those involved.

Constitutional conflict

AR LITTLE ROCK — A federal judge said a 2003 Arkansas law intended to shield minors from pornographic material in stores and libraries violates the U.S. Constitution. The law required books, magazines and videos containing material "harmful to minors" to be kept separate from other displayed material. The judge said the law restricted access and display of non-obscene material.

Breezy future

MA HYANNIS — A long-anticipated federal report on a proposed wind farm in Nantucket Sound says the project would provide significant benefits, with little long-term environmental damage.

The 4,000-page draft report prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, released Tuesday, indicates the project would likely cause less environmental damage than many have feared.

The 26-page executive summary also cites benefits such as reduced emissions from power plants burning fossil fuels, an increase in year-round jobs and diversification in New England's fuel supply, which is heavily dependent on oil and natural gas.

The report's release has started a 60-day public comment period, during which four public hearings will be held.

The \$700 million proposal that Cape Wind Associates proposed three years ago for Horseshoe Shoal has drawn fierce opposition from boaters, business owners, fishermen, wildlife protection groups and property owners.

Housing project burns

CA ALAMEDA — For many residents of the Bessie Coleman Court apartments, this was going to be the first holiday season in a long time when they would be able to cook their own turkey dinners.

Many of the formerly homeless women and their children had recently moved into the transitional and permanent housing in Alameda, and the place was just starting to feel like home.

But a fire late last week destroyed their modest homes. As quickly as flames and smoke spread through the 15 small apartments, more than 20 people were sent back to the brink of homelessness.

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ness.

"I'm kind of worried that people might throw in the towel because something like this can be so discouraging," said Elaine de Coligny, executive director of the Building Futures With Women and Children, one of the nonprofits that operate the housing project. "We're about trying to end people's homelessness."

Making room for horses

KY LEXINGTON — The graves of 18 horses, including Kentucky Derby winner "Plaudit," may be exhumed to allow two retailers to build stores. Developer Patrick Madden asked the city to rezone 58 acres of the property to build a Home Depot and a Super Wal-Mart. Madden said he plans to move the horse cemetery to a more prominent spot within the shopping center.

Crackdown on crabbing

CA SAN FRANCISCO — State game wardens out to nab illegal crabbers in the San Francisco Bay have seen it all: Dungeness crabs stuffed in hubcaps, backpacks, purses and secret compartments. They have heard it all, too, including lines like "Those aren't my crabs in the back of my truck."

Saturday night was no different. The first driver the wardens pulled over at Municipal Pier in San Francisco

opened his trunk to reveal a single legal red rock crab in a bucket. But further inspection turned up a black backpack crawling with six illegal Dungeness crabs.

The man got a ticket — an infraction that could end up costing him more than \$650 — and pointers on how to tell a Dungeness crab from a rock crab, a distinction he clearly already understood, seeing he had stashed the Dungeness in a backpack.

Change to tradition

NC WILMINGTON — Security concerns at a city water plant are threatening a holiday tradition in which residents decorate a centuries-old oak.

Security consultants, as required by homeland security laws, found that a fence is necessary around the plant to keep it safe from terror threats.

The proposed fence would prohibit people from gathering around the tree, as they have been doing every holiday season since 1928.

Many city officials said they want to try to preserve the tradition if possible.

Others consider the tree an eyesore.

"That is an ugly tree," council member Jim Quinn said of the oak, which has since been damaged in a 1985 storm. "Just because you have been doing it a long time doesn't mean it is the best thing you could be doing."

DNA analyst fired

MD GERMANTOWN — An analyst at Cellmark's DNA testing laboratory was fired for allegedly falsifying data. Cellmark, the world's largest private DNA testing firm, says the falsification occurred in only 20 tests, but says it's investigating other cases the analyst worked on. Some of the 20 tests were performed for the Los Angeles Police Department and some were done for the FBI.

Contractors killed

TN KNOXVILLE — EOD Technology, a munitions cleanup and security contractor, confirmed that two employees were killed in Iraq last week. Aaron Iversen, 38, and David Randolph, 33, died during an insurgent attack on their military convoy near Baghdad, raising the company's fatality toll to five in the past year. EODT specializes in unexploded ordnance cleanup and security services for the U.S. military. Most employees have served in the military.

Wrench in sewage plans

NH HOOKSETT — Plans to expand sewage plants in two New Hampshire communities are on hold because of decreased oxygen levels in the Merrimack River. Pollution in the Merrimack River is increasing because of the population boom in southern New Hampshire. Treated sewage pumped into the river is driving oxygen levels down — choking fish and other aquatic life.



Please, help me cope Arthur-Lovington's Chase Coleman talks to teammate Ken Crossman, left, after losing to Stockton, 18-13, in the 2004 Illinois High School Association Class 1A Football Playoffs semifinals in Arthur, Ill.



Dedicated to Christmas Danny O'Sullivan secures a cable around the trunk of Dallas' civic Christmas tree outside of Dallas City Hall.

On the lookout

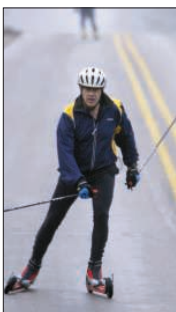
A snowy owl is perched on a chimney top in Hazleton, Pa.



Wet charity case From left, United Way President Jason Holmes, Campaign Chair Rocky Gill and Board Chair Leo Rossler, all of United Way of Tyler/Smith County jump into the pool at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas, as part of a deal for meeting a fund-raising goal.



Yummy snack Digger, one of Elizabeth Chambers' hamsters, eats part of a hot dog during the Terryville Lions Club-sponsored health and safety fair at the Lyceum in Terryville, Conn.



Road skiing With fog and mist in the air, Mike Tarnow roller skis down Kroupa Road on Old Mission Peninsula near Traverse, Mich.



Smiling for a good cause Ashley Hopson, 12, right, is having a good time along with other Danville High School Junior High students delivering almost 2,000 canned goods in an assembly line to the pantry at the First Baptist Church in Danville, Iowa.

Prices on the rise

DC WASHINGTON — Plans for a baseball stadium in Southeast are heating up the area's real estate market. Real estate agents said prices for rowhouses around the site have risen from \$200,000 to \$240,000 in the past six months. Critics of the planned \$440 million stadium fear it will push poor residents out of the area. City officials said they're setting aside affordable housing.

Back on the job

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Unionized hotel workers in San Francisco agreed to return to work following an eight-week lockout, dealing a major boost to the city's tourism industry on the eve of the busy holiday season. About 4,000 maids, bellhops, cooks and other hourly wage earners returned to their jobs Tuesday while contract negotiations continue, Mayor Gavin Newsom announced.

Newsom said the group representing 14 luxury hotels agreed to end the lockout of union workers for two months. Negotiations were to resume after Thanksgiving.

Warming the bench

DE WILMINGTON — The state will spend between \$500,000 and \$600,000 for improvements to the heating system at the New Castle County Courthouse. Since the building opened two years ago, workers and visitors have complained the 14-story building gets too cold in the winter. The state will try to recoup the cost from the firm that designed the building.

Packed prisons

KY LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's prison population has exploded by 600 percent since 1970 and will keep growing because of "irrational" penalties enacted by lawmakers, according to a study. University of Kentucky law professor Robert Lawson, who wrote Kentucky's penal code, says the state's budget for housing prisoners has risen from \$7 million to more than \$300 million since 1970 and is threatening to bankrupt the system.

Malpractice protest

MD HAGERSTOWN — Dozens of physicians in Washington County have postponed elective surgeries or temporarily closed their offices to protest rising malpractice insurance premiums. Protest organizers say 50 doctors are participating and they've been joined by physicians at Prince George's Hospital Center. State lawmakers say they'll meet this week to discuss the issue.

Penalty pushed aside

FL TALLAHASSEE — A judge temporarily halted a recently approved state constitutional amendment that would revoke the license of any doctor who commits three acts of medical malpractice. The circuit court judge sided in part with hospitals seeking to clarify the measure through the Legislature or the courts before it is implemented. The amendment was approved by 70 percent of voters this month.

State workers get raise

RI PROVIDENCE — Gov. Don Carcieri has approved nearly \$350,000 in raises for some mid- and high-level state employees.

Those receiving the raises include top managers in the Departments of Administration and Environmental Management. Most raises go to lower-grade employees. The pay changes took effect last Friday, according to The Providence Journal.

The largest raise appears to go to Steven Wright, superintendent of state parks. He's to get \$12,500, which bumps his salary to \$73,000. Officials said Wright has assumed additional duties, including supervising the DEM's Web site.

Flu shots on the way

TN NASHVILLE — Tennessee is getting 137,000 more flu vaccines, the state health commissioner said. The additional doses will go first to residents in long-term care, then to hospital employees who care for patients and people in high-risk groups.

Bike messenger killed

NY NEW YORK — A bicycle messenger was killed when the door of a delivery truck opened in his path, knocking him to the ground, police said.

The accident happened shortly after 9 a.m. Thursday when the 42-year-old man, whose name was not released pending notification of his family, was making a delivery on Eighth Avenue between West 48th and West 49th streets, police said.

The passenger door of a truck parked on Eighth Avenue opened in his face, sending him sprawling head-first onto the pavement.

DMV worker arrested

CA REDWOOD CITY — A Department of Motor Vehicles employee has been arrested on suspicion of fondling seven teenage girls during driving tests, according to authorities.

Calvin Hoang Cat, 37, will be charged with 14 misdemeanor counts in connection with incidents that happened from July through September, said Steve Wagstaffe, chief deputy district attorney for San Mateo County.

"He was fondling the private areas of victims who were being conducted," Wagstaffe said. "Most were just 16, and all were taking their first test."

Escape plan foiled

FL TAMPA — Three jail inmates and a victim were arrested this week after sheriff's deputies uncovered a plot to smuggle guns into the jail and escape, officials said.

Ernesto Ibarra, 21, was arrested Wednesday as he attempted to buy guns from an undercover sheriff's deputy, according to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's intelligence unit had been tipped to the plan and conducted a sting operation. Ibarra was supposed to buy the four weapons and pass them along to an inmate who worked outside at the facility, deputies said. The inmate was then supposed to smuggle them inside to Ibarra's brother and two other men, deputies said.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The full moon in Gemini inspires an atmosphere that's witty and charming with a perfect blend of sass and fun. Social interaction is injected with giddiness and bright communication. Mental expansion is the goal. The danger is in revealing too much or getting into conversations that are really over our heads. But how else are we to learn?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(November 26) You allow yourself to be guided toward success this year, realizing that resistance is futile. Reunite with a loved one next month, and you can let old baggage drop. Too. February brings a solid relationship with someone who shares your love of adventure. A breakthrough in your work helps you get out of debt in March. Leo and Capricorn are favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're not required to know it all, but do take hold of your own mission. This inspires confidence from your team. By the way, taking a day trip in a group of more than four is not as exhausting, as it's too chaotic and exhausting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Life challenges you to be the leader. If you're responsible for others, they're really studying you now. Moms and dads need to consult one another in order to present children with a united front.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You don't have to win the prize to learn the lesson. But in order to get an "A" for effort, you must show plenty of enthusiasm and willingness. Relationships have the potential to be too exciting! Retreat from the drama.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) The thing about hanging around flirty people is, as irritating as they can be, they often spark something by telling the truth. What was unconscious becomes conscious. Mull over your realizations privately.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be wrapped up in the business of making everyone feel at home.

Don't be tricked into thinking you've got to spend a dollar to get a lot. Everything can be kept to a reasonable budget with a little ingenuity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

When you feel marvelous, you act marvelous, and that's just what the impressive people around you need to see right now. Examples of how to live life in a celebratory way are few and far between.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone has started a job and left it for you to finish! It's annoying — until you realize that all this taking care of business makes you really attractive! All the attention you're getting fluffs your ego.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) The smart, creative people claim you as one of their own. If you've been sitting on an idea, get off of it today. Let it go, or make it happen. Lucky connections with a Cancer or Pisces will speed things along.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Potential partners — for companionship, business or love — abound. However, you may be too sluggish and sleepy to notice. Physical exercise will help set you back to high-functioning mode.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Matters of commerce get your energy up, and you'll be driven to find the best deal. Strong hunches lead you to the right doors. When someone younger gives you his or her admiration, be gentle with the gift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) There are probably better things to do with your time than to pursue elusive love — but somehow, those other things just don't seem as fun. Your passionate nature is stirred up by anything you can't have.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're not exactly in an easy-to-please mood. You crave the more expensive luxuries such as fine dining, dancing and entertainment. However, something as inexpensive as a bubble bath is a decent, heavenly event.

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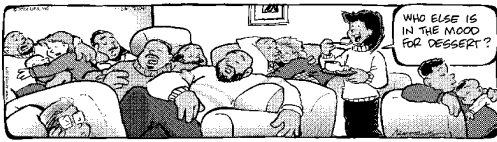


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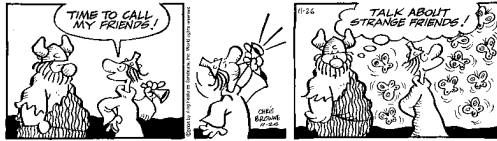
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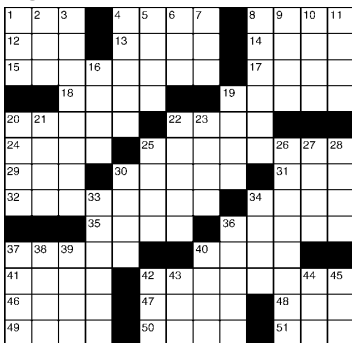
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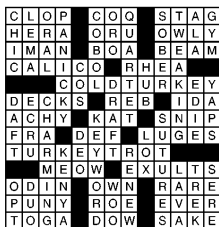
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20 Shrewd
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24 Malaria symptom
25 Odd-looking Australian mammal
29 Vast expanse
30 Like Santa's laundry

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44 Seek restitution
45 JFK info

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Snooping kid creates problem

Dear Abby: I'm a single mother, raising a 14-year-old daughter, "Cheryl." Recently, Cheryl started going through my things while I am not at home. A couple of times she has found things of a sexual nature — pictures and marital aids — that I had thought were well hidden.

How do I address these matters without discussing the content in depth? We have discussions about a lot of things, but I must admit I'm embarrassed about this.

However, I want to discuss this with Cheryl before she tells someone about what she found and gets misinformation.

— **Blushing in Chicago**
Dear Blushing: Your daughter is old enough to understand the concept of privacy — and that intimacy is not going through your things without permission, or discussing your private life with her contemporaries. Since you

now know what she does in your absence, keep your personal items under lock and key.

If Cheryl questions you about the items she found, explain to her that they are sometimes used by adults. If she wants to know more, answer her questions honestly. And while you're at it, be sure your daughter knows that if she has further questions in the future, she's welcome to come to you.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I'm having trouble dealing with my Aunt "Marge." She disapproves of the fact that my husband, "Keith," is 40 and I'm 33. Aunt Marge says I should have married someone my age — or no more than a year or two older — because SHE likes men her own age.

Keith earns enough so that I can stay at home with our two children. Aunt Marge says I'm selfish to make him carry the financial burden alone. (Neither

Keith nor I feel there's anything selfish about it.)

Aunt Marge stops by unexpectedly a lot, usually at night. If I'm wearing my robe and nightgown, she demands to know why. Then she asks why I took my shower so long before bedtime. She also constantly criticizes the way I wear my hair.

Abby, she's a good person in other ways, but she has always had a habit of criticizing and being too quick to judge. Do Keith and I have reasons to be offended, or should we just accept that she is who she is, ignore her, and not say anything?

Getting Fed Up in California

Dear Fed Up: If no one has pointed out to Aunt Marge that it's rude to drop by unannounced and give unsolicited advice about personal grooming, now is the time. It won't change her, but perhaps it will cause her to stop for a moment and think.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69404, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argison



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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No intimacy with older husband

Dear Annie: Thirty years ago, when I married my husband, "Jeff," I couldn't foresee any major problems with marrying a man who was 25 years older. I was then 26, and he was 51. Now I am 56 and he's 81.

After completely ignoring me sexually for the past 15 years, Jeff suddenly announced that he is unhappy. The main cause of his complaint is our complete lack of physical intimacy.

I'd like to know what sand pile Jeff has had his head in all this time. I reminded him that I begged him to go to marriage counseling 15 years ago when he became impotent after prostate surgery.

Until impotency curtailed his activities, Jeff also was quite a skirt chaser. There have been times when I've been ready to throw him out. I care for Jeff, but no longer in any romantic way. In the meantime, I am very lonely.

— **Loveless in Louisiana**
Dear Louisiana: One or two.

Annie's Mailbox



Jeff is 81. Is there any possibility that his recent demands are due to incipient dementia or physical problems? He might benefit from a complete checkup.

Second, please consider counseling for YOU. It would be useful if Jeff came with, but it is not an absolute necessity. Marriage includes a promise to make every effort to get through the rough times.

Dear Annie: I can't believe defended "Montana Woman," who complained that older men have too much ear hair.

As a 75-year-old man, I have to defend our naturally occurring excess ear hair. First of all, I am not going to start poking scissors into my ears to deal with the problem, and my wife can't help because she has carpal tunnel syndrome and can't even handle a pencil. I do make feeble attempts with the pop-up trimmer on my electric razor, but my eyes are not

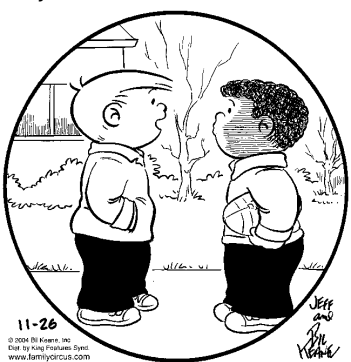
good enough to see what I am doing. So my ears have to wait to be trimmed by my barber when he trims my eyebrows and nose hairs. This I do on a monthly basis when my hair needs cutting, but at \$25 a pop, I'm not going to do it more frequently.

— **Bill from Connecticut**
Dear Bill: A lot of hairy men (and women who care about the subject) write to us about this. Here are two views:

From Round Rock, Texas: I read your column every single day and had to comment. As a 46-year-old man, I am lucky not to have nose hair, but I do have ear hair. There is not a gizmo made that removes ear hair without pulling, yanking or tearing it by the roots. Believe me, I've tried everything. Thank God my wife thinks the small amount of hair bordering my ears is sexy. I'm lucky to have her.

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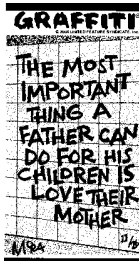
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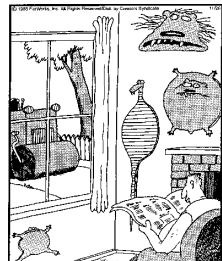
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Dennis the Menace



The Far Side



Non Sequitur



Goldmans pursue Simpson memorabilia for payment

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A memorabilia collector was ordered to turn over O.J. Simpson's press credentials from the 1984 Olympics in another tiny step toward satisfying a \$33.5 million



Simpson

monetary judgment by a lawsuit that found Simpson liable for the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend.

The order was issued after a closed-door court hearing to determine whether Simpson, a National Football League Hall of Famer who later turned to acting, is hiding assets from the family of Ron Goldman, who was slain with Nicole Brown Simpson in 1994.

Alfred Beardsley, a real estate agent and collector, was questioned by attorney Peter Csato, who represents Goldman's father, Fred. Superior Court Judge

Gerald Rosenberg then ordered Beardsley to turn over the press credentials, which Simpson wore as an Olympics commentator for ABC-TV, by Dec. 14.

It was unclear how much the Olympic press credentials were worth, but Csato said outside court that Beardsley told them about "other tangible properties of substantive value" belonging to Simpson that Beardsley may be able to lead them to. Csato declined to elaborate.

A criminal court jury acquitted Simpson of murder charges in 1995 after a televised trial that captivated the nation.

In 1997, Goldman's parents and estate, along with Nicole Brown Simpson's estate, were awarded \$33.5 million in judgments after a civil jury found Simpson liable for the deaths, but the money has gone largely unpaid.

Michael Brewer, an attorney representing Goldman's mother, said he and Csato believe Simpson is

earning undisclosed income from autograph signings that should go toward meeting the judgment.

Brewer said Ron Goldman's parents have collected only about \$500,000 through an auction of property seized at Simpson's former home in Los Angeles, and most of that had to be used for attorney's fees and other expenses. Simpson, who now lives in Florida, has an NFL pension and an annuity, both of which cannot be touched, Brewer said.

"I think there's been some information that Mr. Simpson may not have been above board in relation to his business assets," Brewer said outside court.

Simpson, on his way to play golf, reacted with anger when asked about the allegations.

"I've said this so many times, I've said it to Fred's face in debtor hearings: 'If I have to work to pay them, I won't work,'" Simpson told WSVN-TV in Miami on Tuesday. "It's that simple. So I'll just play golf every day."

Ex-Academy member fined for leaking 'screener'

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A former member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences accused of leaking "screener" copies of movies was fined \$300,000, the maximum allowed under federal law.

A federal judge ordered Carmine Caridi to pay Warner Bros. \$150,000 each for providing copies of "The Last Samurai" and "Mystic River" to a second man, who copied them and made them available for download over the Internet.

Caridi, 70, has lost criminal investigations he sent VHS copies of about 60 movies he received each year to 51-year-old Russell Sprague, who converted the tapes into DVD format and then sent the originals back to Caridi, authorities said.

Movie studios routinely send copies of films to Academy members, who view them in their homes as they prepare to vote in various categories for the annual Academy Awards.

In April, Sprague pleaded guilty to one count of copyright infringement for pirating Oscar screener copies of about 200 films including "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" and "Seabiscuit." He is awaiting sentencing.

Warner Bros. and Columbia Pictures filed separate civil suits in January. The federal judge granted Warner Bros.' motion for a default judgment against Caridi on Nov. 17 after Caridi failed to respond to the suit.

A call placed to Caridi's attorney was not immediately returned Tuesday.



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When a family of superheroes is forced into hiding in the suburbs, nothing is quite as normal as it appears in the animated adventure "The Incredibles." Mr. Incredible proves his mettle as he battles the powerful Omnidroid.

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Superheroes' human side

"The Incredibles" fleshes out mundane side of family life

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Superheroes are typically loners, not family guys.

The powers of Superman, Spider-Man, Batman make them outcasts from the very society they protect and drives them to hide their powers from even close confidants like Lois Lane, Aunt May and Commissioner Gordon.

But what if Wonder Woman was a soccer mom? Or the Hulk was a workaholic suburban dad who longed for the good old glory days? This is the comic book genre-teasing premise of "The Incredibles," the latest computer animated fantasy from Pixar that fol-

lows the impressive pedigree of "Finding Nemo," "A Bug's Life" and the "Toy Story" movies.

"I just thought it was [a] silly idea for a superhero movie," said writer-director Brad Bird, a veteran of "The Simpsons" who also made the cult-favorite cartoon "The Iron Giant." "The concept is a superhero that is a little past his prime. Is he married? What if he married a superhero and who is that person?"

And what would it be like raising superpowered kids? Can you put the Flash in a corner for being hyperactive? Or ground a teenage Supergirl? These are the dilemmas facing Bob and Helen Parr (also known as Mr. Incredible and Elastigirl) as they try to live

with their children as a quiet, normal family following a government ban on the display of superhuman powers.

In "The Incredibles," after a series of accidents in which superheroes caused more problems than they resolved, all so-called "Supers" have gone into a sort of witness protection program to shield them from would-be villains who may seek to exploit the ban on their abilities.

After Bird found that many of his projects had difficulty getting approval from studios and he struggled to balance his career with his marriage and three sons he began to envision himself in the same position as his characters.

He described "The Incredibles" as a mixture of his favorite things. "I love superhero movies and spy movies and action movies and I love my families, the family that I grew up in and the family that I have now with my wife and sons," Bird said. "It's all the stuff that I love rolled together into one crazy stew."

Mr. Incredible is voiced by Craig T. Nelson, the sturdy patriarch from such movies as "Poltergeist" and the TV sitcom "Coach." He said that, like "Finding Nemo," this superhero story delves beyond jokes and action to explore the modern family dynamic. He liked the idea of a person who wished he could make a big difference in the world, but never realized what a big difference he made in his own little home.

While Mr. Incredible sneaks out at night to rescue people from minor disasters with his ice-blasting old friend Frozone (voiced by Samuel L. Jackson), his wife (voiced by Holly Hunter) juggles their teenage daughter Violet, their troublemaking son Dash and their baby Jack-Jack.

But a villain named Syndrome (Jason Lee) is on the prowl — a one-time comic book geek who's using a fortune earned from inventing gadgets to round up and destroy the heroes he once idolized who shunned him as a pest.

Soon the whole family is united — a la the Fantastic Four — in the fight against Syndrome's mechanized terror, where they learn to disarm weapons of cartoonish destruction while learning to cooperate with and trust each other. Each of the Incredibles has a power that is symbolic about their place in life, Bird said.

If "The Incredibles" proves to be as big a hit as its Pixar predecessors, Bird said it will be for the same reasons that have made blockbusters out of movies of traditional comic-book heroes — the attention to the human part of superheroes.

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Saint Joe's not in Kansas' league anymore

The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — St. Joseph's picked a bad place and a terrible time to start life without guards Jameer Nelson and Delonte West.

With the two stars who led the Hawks to an unbeaten 2003-04 regular season now in the NBA, St. Joseph's was hopelessly outmanned

Men's Top 25 roundup

against a No. 2 Kansas team that is bigger, more talented and had something to prove.

Miffed at dropping from No. 1 to No. 2, the Jayhawks shot better than 60 percent and routed last season's Atlantic 10 champions 91-51 Tuesday night.

"We were not ready to play against this level of competition, in this setting," said St. Joseph coach Phil Martelli, last season's Associated Press coach of the year. "This is not something you want to go through too often."

Wayne Simien had 20 points and 13 rebounds — his second double-double in two games — as the Hawks came within four points of matching their worst loss, a 123-79 defeat against Cincinnati in 1959.

It was their first regular-season loss since Dec. 28, 2002.

"They missed a lot of shots," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

No. 2 Jayhawks steamroll depleted Hawks by 40 points

"We did some good things against them defensively. St. Joseph's is playing short-handed. That wasn't the same team as last year."

Kansas (2-0) drew motivation from dropping in the poll this week following a close season-opening victory over unranked Vermont.

"There was a little buzz in the locker room after that," the 6-foot-9 Simien said. "I was definitely surprised. We kind of used it as a motivation for this game, people not taking us seriously."

But rankings don't mean much and we're excited to get the win."

St. Joseph's shot 19 percent in the first half on 5-for-26 shooting.

"We brought boys and we played men," Martelli said. "It was across the board because even their freshmen were men."

The Hawks, favored to win their fifth straight Atlantic 10 title, missed their first 10 three-pointers and wound up 2-for-18 behind the arc and 16-for-54 from the floor.

Dwayne Lee scored 12 points for St. Joseph's, and Dwayne Jones and Seth Stachitis each had 11.

No. 6 Oklahoma State 90, Ark.-Little Rock 65: At Stillwater, Okla., John Lucas III scored 22 points, Joey Graham added 16

and Oklahoma State (2-0) pulled away in the second half.

No. 8 Kentucky 73, Ball St. 53: Cincinnati, Patrick Sparks scored 20 points and Shagari Alleyne added three second-half dunks to lead Kentucky (2-0).

No. 10 Michigan St. 104, Wis.-Green Bay 46: At East Lansing, Mich., Alan Anderson led a balanced offense with 18 points, and Paul Davis had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Spartans (2-0), who reached 100 points in consecutive games for the first time in more than 40 years.

No. 11 North Carolina 94, Tennessee 81: At Lahaina, Hawaii, Rashad McCants scored 27 points and North Carolina rode a sharp first half to a victory in the semifinals of the Maui Invitational. The Tar Heels (2-1) will play Iowa in the championship game Wednesday.

No. 12 Louisville 93, Cincinnati 63: At Lahaina, Hawaii, Taquan Dean scored 21 points and Louisville bounced back from an opening-round loss at the Maui Invitational.

No. 13 Maryland 93, Mercer 67: At College Park, Md., Nik Caner-Medley scored 20 points, and Maryland (2-0) placed four other players in double figures.

Chris McCray had 15 points and a career-best nine rebounds.

No. 14 Mississippi St. 82, UMKC 64: At Starkville, Miss., Winsome Frazier scored a career-high 30 points and Marcus Campbell added 18 for the Bulldogs (5-1), who shook off a sluggish start and won their third straight. Lawrence Roberts had 15 points and 12 rebounds while protecting his broken nose.

Iowa 82, No. 15 Texas 90: At Lahaina, Hawaii, Pierre Pierce hit a 25-foot jumper with 44 seconds left to give Iowa the lead for good in the semifinals of the Maui Invitational.

Jeff Horner led the Hawkeyes (3-0) with 27 points. Pierce, who had 18 points and seven assists, hurt his ankle on the final play of the game and left the Lahaina Civic Center on crutches. He was taken for X-rays.

Brad Buckman led the Longhorns (2-1) with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

No. 20 Wisconsin 72, UC Santa Barbara 61: At Madison, Wis., Clayton Hanson scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half, and Wisconsin (2-0) earned its 30th consecutive victory at home.

No. 21 Notre Dame 73, Ind.-Pur.-Ft. Wayne 45: At South

Bend, Ind., Chris Quinn scored 15 points and Dennis Latimore had career highs of 12 points and 11 rebounds to spark Notre Dame (2-0).

No. 23 Florida 90, Florida Atlantic 45: At Gainesville, Fla., freshman point guard Taurean Green sparked Florida to an easy victory over Florida Atlantic (0-2), the team coached by his father, former NBA forward Sidney Green.

Taurean Green had eight points, five assists and zero turnovers in the first half as the Gators (2-0) went on two 15-0 runs and a 15-2 spurt before halftime, quickly putting away their home opener.

No. 25 Memphis 79, Arkansas State 75: At Memphis, Tenn., Sean Banks scored 28 of his career-high 31 points in the second half, leading the Tigers (4-1) to a lethargic victory. Banks also grabbed 10 rebounds.

In Top 25 action Wednesday:

No. 12 Louisville 82, Stanford 67: Taquan Dean scored 30 points for Louisville in the fifth-place game of the Maui Invitational, giving the Cardinals (3-1) their first victory this season over a Division I team.

Dean, a junior guard, had 10 of Louisville's 13 points when the Cardinals broke the game open midway through the second half.

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Yokota High School senior swimmer Eliko Heimback signed a national letter of intent to compete for the University of Hawaii.

Yokota swimmer signs with Hawaii

Stars and Stripes

Yokota High School's brightest swim star will become a Rainbow Warrior next fall — senior Eliko Heimback has signed a national letter of intent to swim at the University of Hawaii.

She is believed to be the first student in Yokota's 32-year history to sign a national letter of intent to swim at a Division I university.

"I'm excited. I'm so excited, going off to college, finally," Heimback said. "I'm going to enjoy it."

Heimback, a dual citizen of Japanese and American parentage, has lived in Japan most of her life and has swam against Japanese and American competitors since she was 10. She qualified for the Japanese Olympic trials last April, and is a U.S. national record-holder in the 400-meter freestyle relay.

Committing to Hawaii "tops them all," Heimback said. "This is a really big step, a new page in my life. And I'm really excited about it."

Of several colleges she considered, Heimback says she chose Hawaii for its tropical climate, its location between relatives in

Japan and her home state of Pennsylvania, its swim program and its hotel management program, her chosen major.

"I thought long and hard about this decision," she said. Hawaii has "exactly what I want to study, their swimming is really good, they have a good, strong program and I want to be a part of it."

Heimback's father, Rick, is an educational technologist at Yokota East Elementary School. For most of her life, Heimback trained at Kaneda Swim Club in Koganei, east of Tokyo.

Heimback qualified for the Japan Olympic trials by swimming the 100-meter butterfly in 1 minute, 1.75 seconds at the Suburban Tokyo Club championships on Oct. 26, 2003.

But in the Olympic trials at Tatsumi, she finished 50th out of 55 competitors in the 100 butterfly, clocking a 1:04.11.

Whether she'll try again in 2008 for the Beijing Games is a "long-term goal," she said.

"I'm not really thinking about that right now. The first thing is to get there [Hawaii], see what it's like, get used to it, have fun, get to know the girls and coach and get used to living in Hawaii."

Archuleta battling for title

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Kadena kickboxing airman David Archuleta is to head to Tokyo this weekend to battle for his second world championship.

The current Universal Kickboxing Federation light-middweight champion will take on Ake-

omi Nitta, the former World Kickboxing Federation super-welterweight champion, for the IKUSA FF title on Sunday at Club Velfarre in Tokyo's Roppongi entertainment district.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Sunday; the first of seven bouts, culminating with the Archuleta-Nitta fight.

A's close to acquiring Kendall

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Three-time All-Star catcher Jason Kendall was close to being traded from the Pittsburgh Pirates to the Oakland Athletics for a pair of pitchers, a baseball official told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Pirates would get right-handed starter Mark Redman, who went 11-12 with a 4.71 ERA, and left-handed reliever Arthur Rhodes, who was 3-3 with nine saves and a 5.12 ERA, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Kendall, a 30-year-old California native, has a no-trade clause.

His agent informed Pirates General Manager Dave Littlefield on Wednesday that he would waive the clause to play for the



A's, a person close to Kendall said, also on the condition of anonymity.

Littlefield would not confirm that a deal was nearly done, saying, "There's a lot of speculation about a variety of things."

A career .306 hitter over nine seasons with Pittsburgh, Kendall has caught more games than any player in team history.

Dodgers keep manager Tracy

LOS ANGELES — Dodgers manager Jim Tracy agreed Wednesday to a two-year contract after leading Los Angeles to its first postseason appearance in eight years.

Tracy's previous deal expired last month, and the Dodgers had been the only major league team without a manager under contract.

Los Angeles is 356-292 during Tracy's four years as manager.

Brewers reach deal with Miller

MILWAUKEE — Damian Miller and the Milwaukee Brewers reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday on a three-year contract that would guarantee the catcher \$8.75 million.

The deal is subject to Miller passing a physical. He would get \$3.25 million in each of the next two seasons, and the Brewers would have a 2007 option at \$3.75 million. If the Brewers decline the option, Miller would get a player option at \$2.25 million.

Stern's moves appease sponsors

BY JIM SUHR

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — NBA Commissioner David Stern may have called the perfect play after the brawl during the Pacers-Pistons game. By swiftly suspending the players involved, observers say, Stern deftly soothed sponsors into sticking with the league.

Anheuser-Busch, for example, declared it was pleased the NBA took action and would continue its support. Coca-Cola also said it backed Stern's response.

"We can't let the actions of an irresponsible few cloud the fact that the vast majority of players and fans are responsible," said Tony Posturo, vice president of global media and sports marketing for the brewer.

Marketing specialist David Carter confirmed that Stern indeed did all the right things. When something goes wrong, he

said, investors and customers want to see the guy whose name is on the door address it.

"Stakeholders wanted a no-holds-barred response, and that's what they got [from Stern]," the California-based Carter said Tuesday. "Anything short of what he did would have raised questions."

Last week's brawl spawned a national debate about the behavior of fans and millionaire athletes.

Within two days, Stern banned Indiana's Ron Artest for the season and two fellow Pacers — Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal — for 30 and 25 games, respectively. Six other players were suspended for far lesser periods, four of them for just one game.

The NBA players' union filed an appeal Tuesday on behalf of those players, asking that an arbitrator decide whether the punishments were excessive.

The union's director, Billy Hunter, has apologized for the "reprehensible" behavior in Friday's melee. But he argued during ABC's "Nightline" on Monday that the players were being sacrificed to placate fans and sponsors.

"[Stern] has to demonstrate that somebody's in control because NBA basketball is a multi-billion-dollar industry," Hunter said.

"But, you know, again, I can't sit back as the head of the union and not act or respond in an instance where I think the commissioner's overreacted."

Carter said there is a risk of turning off the league's corporate sponsors if the suspensions are reduced.

Carter "knows that how he handles this and how the league rebounds from this will go a great distance in establishing his legacy and whether the NBA can continue generating cash."

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Pacers make do; Pistons cannot

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana crowd jumped to its feet with a jubilant roar when Jamaal Tinsley scored off a steal by Fred Jones the third quarter. After a long weekend of enduring the embarrassing fallout from the brawl in Detroit, the Pacers used a makeshift lineup and gave their fans plenty to cheer about.

Turning in a solid all-around effort, the Pacers handed down the Boston Celtics 106-96 Tuesday night in their first game since learning the severity of the injuries inflicted on the team by the NBA to Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal.

"Our heart is a little sore with our three best players out with us," said Jones, who "I think the fans filled that void."

In Charlotte, the Pistons had to see their players back from suspensions stemming from the fight except Ben Wallace, who served the second of a six-game ban, but Rasheed Wallace was ejected early. He argued a foul call for throwing his head into the crowd.

Detroit never found its rhythm and became the first NBA team to get sent to an expansion team by losing 91-79, falling to the Bobcats after 19-8.

"We're good, but we ain't the champs yet," said Chauncey Billups, who was suspended for Sunday's game but came back to lead Detroit with 24 points. "That's over with. They kicked out on us."

Tinsley scored 29 points for Indiana in his return after missing Saturday's game with a wrist injury sustained in the melee, and James Jones had a career-high 22 points and 10 rebounds.

With several Pacers wearing Jackson's and O'Neal's arm bands, they outscored Boston 45-24, made 31 of 43 free throws and dived for loose balls, all to the delight of the fans.

"In a lot of cities, people just come to see stars," coach Rick Carlisle said. "But this city, people come to watch the game of basketball, and they love it. It just means so much to us as a franchise to see this kind of support in the situation we're in."

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 20 points, but shot just 6-for-14 from the field.

In Charlotte, Rasheed Wallace blamed his expulsion on the after-effects from the fight Friday.

"It's a technical now for throwing stuff in the stands? I just thought the official, seeing since when," he said. "It's always been like that," Wallace said. "I knew it wasn't the case, for the simple fact that I did it a couple of times this year and Ben (Wallace) did it."

"That's crazy. I guess it's just a fallout from the other night," said Carmelo Anthony, the best game as a professional, scoring 22 points and grabbing 15 rebounds to help the Bobcats become the first expansion team to

Roundup

beat the reigning NBA champion since Portland and Buffalo defeated the Knicks during the 1970-71 season.

Wizards 102, Raptors 86: At Washington, the Wizards won their third straight game under coach Eddie Jordan for the first time with a dominant game on the boards.

Antawn Jamison scored 28 points, Gilbert Arenas had 26 and Washington had a 44-17 rebounding advantage, including 26-13 on the offensive boards.

Knicks 104, Hawks 88: Nazr Mohammed had another strong game against the team that traded him last season, scoring 18 points and grabbing 14 rebounds to lead the Knicks past visiting Atlanta.

Stephen Marbury had 16 points and 11 assists — all in the first half — as New York improved to 5-0.

Trail Blazers 99, Heat 87: Zach Randolph had 24 points, and Dwyane Wade added 19, helping Portland pull away with a 17-8 run in the second half for a win in Miami.

Shaquille O'Neal had 17 points and 11 rebounds, including a double-double in the past eight games for Miami.

SuperSonics 103, Timberwolves 92: Rashard Lewis scored 27 points, Ray Allen added 24 and Seattle made 19 of 29 three-pointers to win on the road.

Kevin Garnett led the Timberwolves with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

Nuggets 90, Nets 88: Kenyon Martin had 20 points and 12 rebounds against his former team, and Earl Boykins hit a runner with 21 seconds left to lift the Nuggets at home.

Kings 102, Rockets 96: Peja Stojakovic scored 22 points and Bobby Jackson got 10 of his 18 in the fourth quarter to help the Kings complete a perfect five-game homestand.

Houston lost despite making 52 percent of its shots and getting 29 points and nine rebounds from Yao Ming.

Lakers 100, Bucks 96: At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored 30 points and the Lakers held off Milwaukee in the final minute.

Reserve Desmond Mason scored 26 points and reserve Mike James added 18 points and 11 assists for the Bucks, who lost their fifth in a row.

Warriors 115, Hornets 109 (3OT): Speedy Claxton scored 23 points, including five free throws in the final 15 seconds of the third overtime, to help Golden State beat visiting New Orleans.

Calbert Cheaney scored four of his 15 points in the last five minutes of play, and Jason Richardson had 26 points and a season-high 12 rebounds for the Warriors.

3 arrested for extorting Anthony

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three men were arrested Tuesday night for trying to extort \$3 million from Denver Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony.

Joelbert Santos and Jason Paton of the Bronx, and Rodrigo Sanchez of South Orange, N.J., had a videotape that showed Anthony fighting at a Manhattan nightclub in September with a man known as Sugar Ray, police said.

The fight broke out after Ray spit a drink on Anthony's girl-

friend, MTV host L.A. La Vasquez, said Jane Yin, a spokeswoman for Anthony's agent, Calvin Andrews. Ray and Vasquez were once engaged.

No one was hurt in the fight, but the three men demanded \$3 million from Anthony in exchange for the tape. A meeting was set up Tuesday night near Central Park with an undercover police detective posing as a representative for Anthony, said Sgt. Michael Irizarry, a police spokesman.

A check was handed over and Santos, 29, Paton, 26, and

Sanchez, 36, were arrested and charged with grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property.

"I just found out today that they were arrested. So I'm happy the police handled it the best that they could," Anthony said after the Nuggets beat New Jersey 98-91 Tuesday night.

The second-year forward acknowledged he had been worried about the situation.

"I don't know anything anybody would think about. It is a lot to handle. Things happen for a reason," he said.

NBA scorecard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	1	0	.000	—
Boston	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1 1/2
New Jersey	0	1	.000	1 1/2

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	3	0	.750	—
Washington	3	0	.750	—
Charlotte	2	0	.667	1 1/2
Atlanta	2	0	.667	1 1/2
Indiana	3	0	.750	—
Detroit	3	0	.750	—
Milwaukee	3	0	.750	—
Chicago	0	0	.000	7 1/2

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	8	3	.727	—
Phoenix	7	4	.636	1 1/2
Houston	6	5	.545	2 1/2
New Orleans	5	6	.455	3 1/2

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	10	2	.833	—
Minnesota	9	3	.750	1 1/2
Portland	5	5	.500	4 1/2

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	9	2	.818	—
Los Angeles	8	3	.727	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	7	5	.583	2 1/2
Golden State	6	6	.500	3 1/2

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